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Bureau: **Field Services Bureau**

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Incident: **Fatal Traffic Crash**

MESSAGE

On 2/05/2012 at 0049 hours a Rockford Police Officer was patrolling near the 900 block of West Jefferson Street and heard a loud crash. He immediately located a Ford Expedition in the Keith Creek, which runs along the north side of Fairgrounds Park. The Officer located two of the vehicle's occupants, one was pronounced dead at the scene. The second occupant was transported by ambulance to a Rockford Hospital and is in stable condition. Both occupants are females and Rockford residents.

This crash is under investigation and charges have not been filed at this time. Preliminary investigation reveals that speed and alcohol are probable factors in the crash.

The names of the occupants are being withheld until the notification of relatives can be made.

Further investigation will be released by the Rockford Police Traffic Unit on Monday, February 6, 2012.

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